

1994 he was named Guam Business News' Executive of the Year.

Kenneth T. Jones, Jr., was a respected businessman on Guam, much loved by the people of Guam and our entire community. We recognize him for his many achievements and we commend him for his contributions to our community. Our community mourns his passing and we extend our condolences to his family and friends. Ken leaves behind his wife, Elaine Cruz Jones and five daughters, Vivian, Linda, Veronica, Donna and Ramona.

IN MEMORIAL OF PENNSYLVANIA
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CATHERINE BAKER KNOLL

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, on November 12, 2008, Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor and former State Treasurer Catherine Baker Knoll, a dedicated mother, political pioneer and tenacious public servant, lost her battle with cancer while surrounded by loved ones.

Knoll, 78, is survived by her four children, Albert, Charles, Mina and Kim Eric. Her late husband Charles was a U.S. Postmaster.

Knoll was born one of nine children in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh. She was a schoolteacher, a businesswoman, and an innovative State Treasurer from 1989 to 1997. In that post, she created the Tuition Assistance Program, which opened doors for thousands of Pennsylvania's youth to attend college.

The self-described "steel woman from the steel city," Knoll became the first woman Lieutenant Governor in Pennsylvania in 2003 and was well-known for her persistence, initiative, and unflinching commitment to the public good. Her affection for all the people of Pennsylvania and unstoppable desire to knock down barriers for women and minorities were obvious to all who witnessed her energetic and caring demeanor. On the day she was sworn in as Lieutenant Governor, she compared Pennsylvania to a 10-speed bicycle, saying, "We have gears we haven't even tried yet."

Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell called her one of the "strongest, most dedicated public servants in Pennsylvania's history," adding that "Her passing is a tremendous loss for the many people whose lives she touched."

I ask that the House of Representatives extend its condolences to Catherine's family and friends, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which feels the loss of a true public servant.

HONORING "THE LEAF-CHRONICLE" FOR ITS 200 YEARS OF SERVICE TO MIDDLE TENNESSEE

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Mr. TANNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long history of "The Leaf-

Chronicle" newspaper in Clarksville, Tennessee, which is now in its 200th year of serving Clarksville, Montgomery County and Middle Tennessee.

"The Leaf-Chronicle" was officially formed in 1890 by a merger between two local journals, "The Tobacco Leaf" and "The Chronicle," which dated back to 1808. For two centuries, the people in our community have been well-served by a quality daily newspaper that fairly and thoroughly covers the stories so important to our families and businesses. Twenty-two men and women have had the honor of serving as Publisher of the Clarksville newspaper, including the current publisher, Andrew Oppman, and his immediate predecessor, my friend Gene Washer, who served 17 years as Publisher until his retirement earlier this year.

We are particularly proud of the newspaper's coverage of Fort Campbell and the 101st Airborne Division, which are an integral part of our community in Montgomery and Stewart counties and the surrounding area. The journalists of "The Leaf-Chronicle" show their support through extensive coverage of our military families and others in the community whose support of our men and women in uniform is unwavering.

"The Leaf-Chronicle" has always been known for its strong opinions page, where it has boldly editorialized on local, state, national and international issues. In fact, because of the reputation of the newspaper's powerful editorial page, all operations were suspended between 1862 and 1865 when Union troops occupied Clarksville during the Civil War.

Publication was also threatened in the early morning hours of January 22, 1999, when a tornado ripped through downtown Clarksville, leaving behind it a path of destruction, including severe damage to the offices of "The Leaf-Chronicle." The staff, however, determined to publish a newspaper to cover such an important story, gathered at Mr. Washer's home. The next day, subscribers still received the paper on their doorsteps, this time with eight pages of in-depth coverage and photographs of the storm and its impact on Montgomery County.

Following the storm and until completion of its current, state-of-the-art facilities, the newspaper staff was temporarily based in an empty supermarket that featured a sign reading "Foodland—Fresh," which was poignantly changed to read "The Leaf-Chronicle—Fresh Daily."

As we reflect on the long service of "The Leaf-Chronicle" to its readers, it is important to think of all the historic moments that have happened in the last two centuries in Tennessee, across this country and throughout the world. Middle Tennesseans have had "The Leaf-Chronicle" to report daily on those historic events, provide insightful analysis and help record history as it happens.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in recognizing the long history of "The Leaf-Chronicle," expressing gratitude for its service to our community and wishing its staff all the best as the newspaper enters its third century of quality journalism.

IN HONOR OF COUNTY MANAGER
JOHN MALTBIE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, soon San Mateo County will lose its premier administrator when County Manager John Maltbie retires after two decades at the helm.

John has served the county ably since taking office in 1989. He has shown, time and again, how thoughtful, steady leadership can make all the difference in the quality of service a county offers to its residents. John oversees a government operation employing more than 4,800 people, who serve a growing and diverse population nearing three quarters of a million residents.

Under John's leadership, San Mateo County was the first County in the State to develop school-based children and family services, a MediCal-managed care system for medical and mental health patients and a work-first model for welfare reform.

A strong proponent of collaborating with his peers in and outside of government, John continued San Mateo County's long history of forming and continuing mutually beneficial partnerships with other local governments, businesses and organizations. Some of these partnerships are the City/County Association of Governments; Peninsula Partnership for Children, Youth and Families; San Mateo County Telecommunications Authority and the Library Joint Powers Authority. John has also worked closely with local cities to develop a nationally recognized model for county-wide emergency medical services.

Madam Speaker, during John Maltbie's tenure, the county has seen the completion of a state-of-the-art, 225-bed San Mateo County Health Center. He has also overseen the building of a new main jail, administrative office building, parking garage, three medical clinics, three social services district offices and a new County Court facility.

John's service in Public Administration began in 1972. Prior to San Mateo County, he served in multiple roles in Santa Clara County and was City Manager for both Milpitas, California and Glendale, Arizona.

John holds a Masters of Arts Degree and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, with an emphasis in Public Administration, from San Jose State University. He has taught at several colleges and universities, including Arizona State University, College of Notre Dame and San Jose State University.

A true public servant, John passed his community commitment on to his children, Jeff and Jayme, who have both worked in public service. They will no doubt enjoy more of their father's time, but Madam Speaker, the real benefactors of John's retirement will be his lucky grandchildren: Ella, Emma and Zoe. Please join me in wishing John Maltbie a long and joy-filled retirement.